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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.*

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (currently amended) A recombinant DNA construct containing at least one transcriptional unit comprising a transcriptional promoter, a template sequence for making an RNA molecule, and a transcriptional terminator, said transcriptional promoter being selected from the group consisting of a Type I Pol III promoter and a promoter containing one or more essential elements of a Type I Pol III promoter.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The construct of Claim 1, wherein said a-native Type I Pol III promoter is a native Type I Pol III promoter ~~the initiating mechanism for transcription.~~

Claim 3. (currently amended) The construct of Claim 1, wherein said an-engineered Type I Pol III promoter is an engineered Type I Pol III promoter ~~the initiating mechanism for transcription.~~

Claim 4. (currently amended) The construct of Claim 1, wherein a ~~native~~ said promoter containing one or more essential elements of the Type I Pol III promoter is a native promoter containing one or more essential elements of the Type I Pol III promoter ~~the initiating mechanism for transcription.~~

Claim 5. (currently amended) The construct of Claim 1, wherein ~~an~~ said promoter containing one or more essential elements of the Type I Pol III promoter is an engineered promoter containing one or more essential elements of the Type I Pol III promoter ~~the initiating mechanism for transcription.~~

Claim 6. (cancelled)

Claim 7. (cancelled)

Claim 8. (currently amended) The construct of Claim 1, wherein said template ~~comprising~~ comprises a sequence for generating a full, or a part of, RNA molecule which will down regulate expression of a target gene through RNA ~~mediate~~ mediated down regulation, including but not limited to RNAi.

Claim 9. The construct of Claim 4 8, wherein the target gene is a gene selected ~~fr~~ from the group consisting of the mammalian and viral genomes.

Claim 10. (cancelled)

Claim 11. (original) A cloning or expression vector that contains the construct of Claim 1.

Claim 12. (cancelled)

Claim 13. (original) The construct of Claim 1, wherein said template comprises a sequence for generating a full or part of, RNA molecule which may bind its targets (e.g. DNA, RNA, proteins or any other forms of molecules) and regulate functions of these targets.

Claim 14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (new) The construct of Claim 2, wherein said template comprises a sequence for generating a full, or a part of, RNA molecule which will down regulate expression of a target gene through RNA mediated down regulation, including but not limited to RNAi.

Claim 16. (new) The construct of Claim 3, wherein said template comprises a sequence for generating a full, or a part of, RNA molecule which will

down regulate expression of a target gene through RNA mediated down regulation, including but not limited to RNAi.

Claim 17. (new) A cloning or expression vector that contains the construct of Claim 2.

Claim 18. (new) A cloning or expression vector that contains the construct of Claim 3.

Claim 19. (new) The construct of Claim 2, wherein said template comprises a sequence for generating a full or part of, RNA molecule which may bind its targets (e.g. DNA, RNA, proteins or any other forms of molecules) and regulate functions of these targets.

Claim 20. (new) The construct of Claim 3, wherein said template comprises a sequence for generating a full or part of, RNA molecule which may bind its targets (e.g. DNA, RNA, proteins or any other forms of molecules) and regulate functions of these targets.